

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re ENRON CORPORATION SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE & "ERISA" LITIGATION

MDL 1446

MARK NEWBY, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs

VS

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-01-3624 AND CONSOLIDATED CASES

ENRON CORPORATION, ET. AL,

Defendants

JOE H WALKER, et al.,

Plaintiffs

V

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-03-2345

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, LLP, et. al,

Defendants

PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO OUSTSIDE DIRECTOR DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO WALKER PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Plaintiffs in this action respond to the Defendants allegations that the Plaintiffs'

Motions to Reconsider and to apply Fifth Circuit Precedent are untimely and dilatory. The

Plaintiffs respectfully point out to the Court the attached Case Note from the Plaintiffs' counsel's

Needles Case Management Program. (Exhibit 1). The Plaintiffs contacted the Clerk's office on

June 19, 2003, eager to file their Fifth Circuit Supplement to the Motion to Remand. As shown

in the note, Plaintiffs' counsel was informed that the Court did not even have the case file at that

time and that all pending motions would remain pending until this case was given a new number

under the Southern District's filing system and a decision on consolidation was made by the

Court. The Plaintiffs would have preferred to have their Fifth Circuit arguments before the Court when this matter was originally considered and were waiting for the events related by the Clerk to transpire before filing their Fifth Circuit arguments. The Plaintiffs were therefore surprised when the first entry on the docket regarding this case not only addressed consolidation but also denied the Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand be they had an opportunity to press their Fifth Circuit arguments. The Plaintiffs apologize for any delay in the filing of any motions, but they were only trying to conform to what they understood the practices of this Honorable Court to be and not attempt any sort of trick or delay tactic

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2003.

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Ex. 1

spoke with Diane Coughlin in Houston. Their mailing address for filing purposes is P.O. Box 61010, Houston, TX 77208. She just received the Transfer Order and is ticked off because the courts send out the orders to other people before they get them and it makes them look stupid. Anyway, the case has not been assigned a number yet as they haven't received the file from the USDC. She has to write the court and ask them to send her the file. When received, it is assigned a number and given to Judge Melinda Harmon in chambers who will then have to decide which of three lead cases to consolidate it with. The three lead cases are: 1) securities; 2) derivative; and 3) ERISA. Sometimes there is overlap. No new deadlines have started to run and won't until they receive the case and it is consolidated into one of the 3 lead cases. Any motions now pending will remain pending. We can check on Pacer to see when the new number is assigned. The docket number to check under is 4:02MD1446.